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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

A "Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Non-Provisional Application" was mailed 09/26/01. Applicant elected not to take action pursuant to option (III) as a constructive acceptance of the application as deposited in the USPTO. It specifically noted that "Figure(s) 26,B" was omitted, which was not the case.

As filed, the specification made reference to "Figures 26A-26B", and the drawings showed a "Fig. 26A". However, draft Figures 26A and 26B had been combined into one formal figure such that the specification should have only referred to "Figure 26" and "Fig. 26A" should have been labeled "Fig. 26".

Please amend the application as specified below. A marked-up drawing sheet is also included herein.

Please note that a new set of formal drawings has also been submitted.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the application by rewriting the paragraphs in the specification with the following clean paragraphs in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121; a marked-up set of the paragraphs is included in the following section.

Paragraph at page 14, lines 8-10:

**Figure 26** is a flowchart depicting a process for quarantining devices within secure geographic boundaries.

Paragraph at page 110, lines 6-12:

With reference now to **Figure 26**, a flowchart depicts a process for quarantining devices within secure geographic boundaries. The secure geographic boundary resources that are determined in the process shown in **Figure 24** can be used in many different processes, and the quarantine process shown in **Figure 26** is merely one of those processes.

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Marked-up set of paragraphs

The following section is a marked-up set of the current paragraphs as amended herein and as cleanly presented in the rewritten paragraphs provided above. The additions to the paragraphs are presented with double-underline and the deletions are presented using strike-through.

Paragraph at page 14, lines 8-10:

~~Figures 26A-26B are a pair of flowcharts~~ Figure 26 is a flowchart depicting a process for quarantining devices within secure geographic boundaries.

Paragraph at page 110, lines 6-12:

With reference now to ~~Figures 26A-26B~~, a ~~pair of flowcharts~~ depicts a process for quarantining devices within secure geographic boundaries. The secure geographic boundary resources that are determined in the process shown in **Figure 24** can be used in many different processes, and the quarantine process shown in ~~Figures 26A-26B~~ is merely one of those processes.

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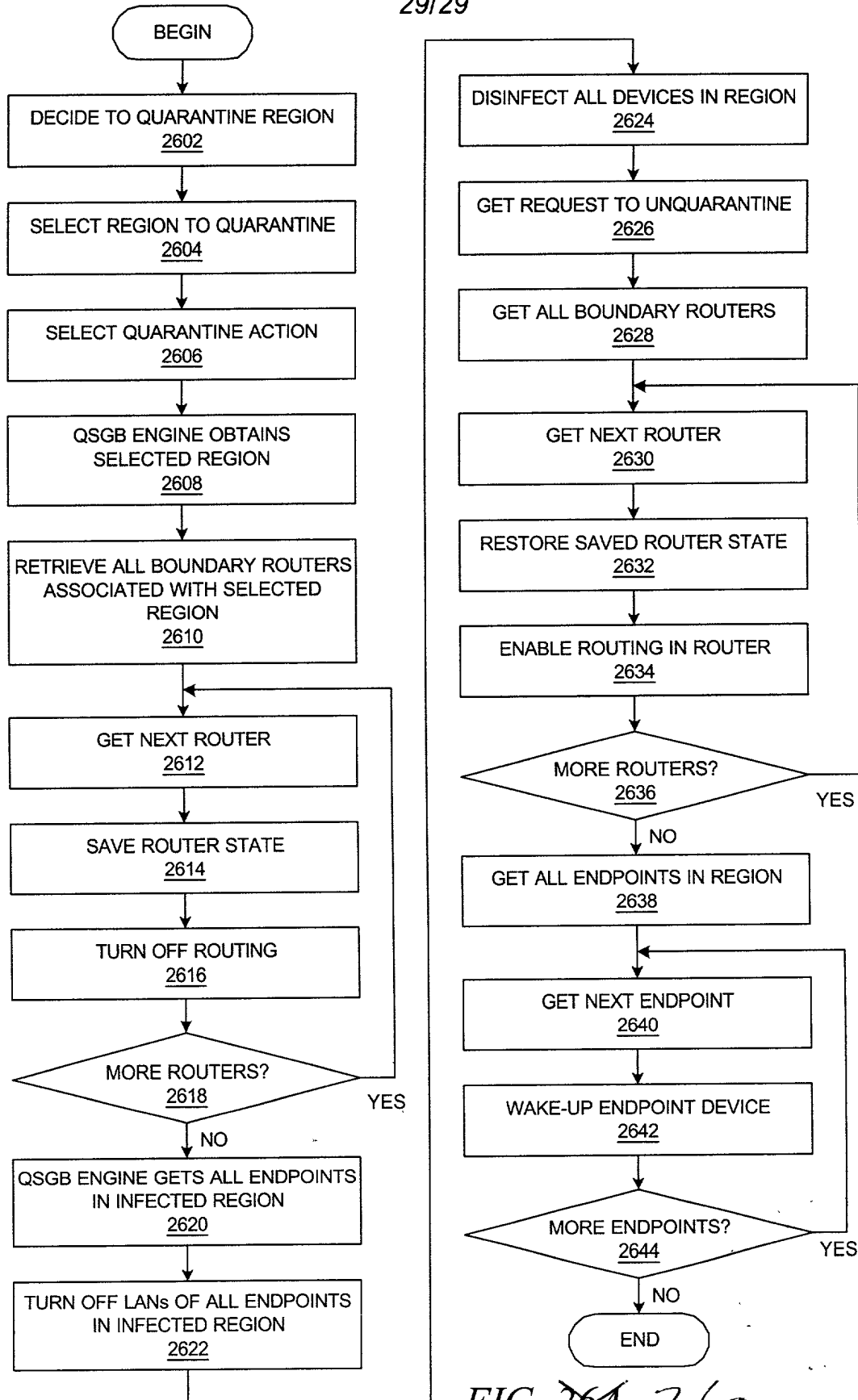


FIG. 26A 26

**CONCLUSION**

No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. For any other outstanding matters or issues, the examiner is urged to call or fax the below-listed telephone numbers to expedite the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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